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 Serial No. : 09/996,007
 For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM
 Filed : November 28, 2001
 Examiner : David R. Osteen
 Art Unit : 2623

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Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
- No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	13	Minus	** = 20	*0x	\$50 (25)	=\$0
Independent claims	9	Minus	*** = 12	*0x	\$200 (100)	=\$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

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- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid or is paid herewith .
- This response is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefore. This is a petition to request a one-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached, which covers the cost of additional claims petition for extension of time.
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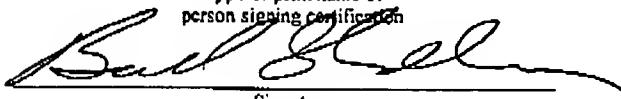
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 30, 2006, having a period
 for response set to expire on February 28, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as
 follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.